

***TIPPECANOE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL***  
***REGULAR MEETING***  
***August 6, 2013***

The Emergency Management Advisory Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room of the County Office Building. Advisory Council members present were Chairman Garry Smith, Commissioner David Byers, Smokey Anderson, Jeff Butz, John Basham, Captain Mike Francis, Perry Martin, David Reagan, and John Withers. Also present were: Marty Webb and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar. Ron Wright and Jimmy Kesterson were absent.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Commissioner Byers moved to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2013 regular meeting, second by John Withers; motion carried.

***DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

Director Anderson reviewed recent and upcoming activities:

- The EMPG assessment for the State was completed at the end of June. In order to receive 50% reimbursement, 232 points were needed. We received 262 and could receive bonus dollars. Thanks to Jenny who spent many hours tracking and compiling different components for preparing the assessment.
- Training continues for a good group of volunteers and nine new recruits. They are very active and interested in learning.
- The Task Force worked at the County Fair which is a long week. They provided numerous resources such as tents and logistics to assist the fire departments who provide medical. There was good participation from volunteers and especially the new recruits. There were twice the number of volunteers this year and they were needed as the nice weather appeared to have increased the number of attendees. Marty and Tyler also worked many hours during Fair week.
- The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) continues to make progress. In meeting with the MITS Department yesterday, additional phones were ordered that weren't planned. Other than the phones and some incidentals that haven't been received, everything else is purchased and installed. The project is moving forward.
- Earlier this year, the Commissioners provided the funds to replace the chassis on a stake bed with a lift gate. The truck is an F450 with a twelve foot bed and a lift gate; the only small truck currently owned with a lift gate. It was used at the Fair and one of the volunteers is adding emergency lights to complete the project.
- An old ambulance used for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program will be sold. The Federal and State governments do not support the CERT program any longer and the vehicle has had little use for several years. Dave Reagan questioned if the CERT program and others are disappearing. Director Anderson said the Federal funds distributed to the State are going away. The possibility of training the volunteers in the CERT program has been discussed but without funding, it is difficult to support. The CERT program training is to assist neighborhoods in the event of a disaster.

- TEMA continues to assist other agencies and organizations for various fairs, festivals, setting up light towers, and providing mules and bobcats.
- Two weeks ago, on July 28, the County needed assistance with a small passenger plane crash northeast of Romney. Four people were injured. At the time of the crash, there was a fuel issue and our units assisted with clearing a path of approximately 100 yards to the plane.
- Festivals such as The Taste of Tippecanoe and Dancing in the Streets require detailed set up, evacuation, and contingency plans. Detailed planning is one of Marty's specialties and he works very closely with the committees to complete those plans. He does a great job which is appreciated.
- The Task Force will go to Muscatatuk Urban Training Center September 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. Teams that will be going include Technical Rescue from Lafayette Fire Department (LFD); the Swift Water team from the Sheriff's Department, LFD, Crawfordsville, and possibly Monticello; an EMS Strike Team, as well as Service and Support. Approximately 50 people will be going. There is a VIP date and Director Anderson will provide the date. The funds are available in the budget and from the State. The week is an excellent training opportunity and all salaries and meals are paid for. It is a state level training exercise and the first time with a swift water team exercise.

### ***BUDGET***

Director Anderson said Office Supplies are normally \$500.00 but due to the completion of the EOC, \$4,000 was budgeted for 2013. \$500 remains in the budget and \$1,600 is requested for the 2014 budget. All other budgeted items will remain the same.

### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Deputy Directory Webb reported the following:

- The HAZ MAT team has been meeting regularly and completing training.
- Tyler has been working on meters that need repaired or replaced.
- Trailer repairs have been made to the HAZ MAT 2 trailer.

### ***SIRENS***

Director Anderson said the sirens were set off last weekend; four did not work.

### ***OLD/NEW BUSINESS***

Chairman Smith inquired about progress on a building. Commissioner Byers said TEMA is third in line; the long term plan is for 2016. Two buildings at the Fairground will be replaced first.

As there was no other business, Captain Francis moved to adjourn, second by Chairman Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.